

## Special Cor. Ocala Banner:

With gangs of men here and there working full time, the big mill is nearing completion. Steel jackets are being fitted to the large boilers before putting them into the fire brick furnaces. Heavy shaftings and fittings are being placed, log runs, slab chains and transfers being connected, foundations being laid from the solid clay with cement and brick for the great engines. The boiler house and dry sheds are about ready. Live steam rollers and skidways are placed, and in a few days we will listen for "Bib Jack" to alarm the natives with his coarse whistle blast. Then we'll know something is being done at Fort McCoy. "Dry Kiln" Moore has the contract, and the work is being pushed to complete the dry kiln and big commissary in a short time.

Mr. A. O. Harper will soon have the material on the ground for a 12-room boarding house.

Mr. J. S. Grantham will soon begin the erection of a two-story store building on one of the nice business lots near the Rentz commissary.

Rumor has it that parties from Anthony are going to open a drug store here soon.

Mr. L. M. McQuaig is adding a nice front porch to his store building.

The stork visited Mr. and Mrs. H. B. Cameron while they were visiting Mrs. Cameron's parents here, and left them two fine baby girls. Mother and babies doing well.

Capt. J. W. Johnson lately returned from Georgia with his young bride. Mr. Johnson has a position with Taylor, Harp & Co., at Eureka, where they will make their future home.

The remains of Mr. Louis Stofell, who died here a few days ago, were carried back to Augusta, Ga., for interment. He was the master machinist for the Rentz Lumber Company, and had been with that company for many years. His place will be hard to fill.

Messrs. Taylor and Lovell, two sterling young carpenters of this place, left here Tuesday for Fort Lauderdale, where they have a contract for building several houses.

J. W. Stevens contemplates representing Marston lodge, No. 49, F. & A. M., in the meeting of the grand lodge, which convenes in Jacksonville on January 20th.

Mr. E. P. Rentz has promised, and the people are patiently waiting for a passenger coach, with a schedule to run from here to Silver Springs.

Mr. and Mrs. T. M. Pierce have a very sick son. Dr. S. T. Carswell of Citra is attending him.

The many friends of Mr. Alex McQuaig are pleased to learn that he is doing so well in the hospital at Ocala, where he was carried a few days ago.

Mr. W. J. Lohrig has completed his contract with the Rentz Lumber Co., for sawing several hundred thousand feet of lumber, to be used in the numerous houses, and will move his little mill to Mississippi.

The following officers and teachers were elected in the Sunday school at this place last Sunday: J. S. Grantham, superintendent; J. W. Stevens, assistant; Miss Ruby Grantham, secretary and treasurer; M. A. Stevens, teacher of Bible class and Mrs. E. J. Martin teacher for intermediate class.

Mr. H. B. Cameron, who has been visiting here, returned to his home at Valdosta, Ga., last Saturday.

No cold wave has arrived here yet. There have been but three light frosts and not cold enough to make people feel good.

Preparations are being made by the farmers for another crop.

A happy new year to the good old Banner and its readers.

## EVINSTON, BOARDMAN AND MCINTOSH

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Mrs. Florence Moulton of Jacksonville came down to Evinston last Thursday to be with her sister, Mrs. Frank Barron, who has been confined to her bed for nearly four months.

Mary Wood, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Hal Wood, is quite sick.

Erin McCauley left last week for West Palm Beach, where he will join his brother, Bob, who is clerking for Strohm & Co. Erin expects to go into the same business.

Mrs. Morris, with her two little children from Mount Sterling, Ky., arrived today in McIntosh, where they will spend some time, visiting their uncle and aunt, Dr. and Mrs. Burgin.

Mrs. McGinnis and daughter of Hawthorn are visiting Dr. Means' family.

Mrs. James Means, who has been quite sick, is now up and about.

Quite a number of persons from Kentucky have come to McIntosh for the winter.

**DON'T FAIL TO SEE THE LARGE FIRE SALE SIGNS AT THE RAILROAD WRECK STORE. IT'S THE WONDER OF THE 20TH CENTURY. \$18,000.00 WORTH OF GOODS MUST BE SOLD IN 12 DAYS. FIRE SALE STARTS SATURDAY THE 16TH.**

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The Woman's Christian Temperance Union met at the home of Mrs. O. M. Gale on Tuesday afternoon with an unusually large attendance. At 2:30 the ladies all marched to the school house, carrying a beautiful framed picture of Miss Frances E. Willard. The picture was presented to the school with appropriate exercises. The president read the crusade Psalm, which was followed by a short prayer by Mrs. Bryant. Mrs. Washburn then made a short talk to the children, and Mrs. A. C. Sirdfield gave them an excellent account of Miss Willard's life, told in a way to be especially interesting to the children, as well as entertaining to the older ones. Mr. Eddie Armstrong, in a few well chosen words, accepted the picture in the name of the school, and for the school. The picture was hung in a conspicuous place, after which everyone joined in singing "America."

Prof. Hicks expressed his pleasure in the proceedings, in the example to be placed before the children. We hope that some thought expressed or example presented will bear good fruit in the years to come.

As soon as these exercises were finished the ladies once more met at Mrs. Gale's and held their regular monthly meeting, with the president in the chair.

Considerable business was accomplished, and arrangements were made to hold a gold medal contest in the near future.

## FLORIDA CHRISTIAN ENDEAVOR NEWS

Here are the objects for universal prayer by Christian Endeavorers in the month of January, as planned by the United Society:

1. Pray that the week of prayer may be followed by great gifts of the Spirit's power, that evangelistic services may be more fruitful, and that efforts at soul-winning may be crowned with large results.

2. Pray for the growth of the spirit of peace and good will among the nations, for love instead of enmity among different classes of society, and for the extension of justice and righteousness between man and man.

3. Pray for our public officials, our law-makers and the judges of our courts, that they may all seek and follow the leading of our Lord.

4. Pray that the coming year may be one in which Christian Endeavor shall be greatly blessed and shall greatly bless the world through its service of Christ.

Mr. W. S. Middleton of Pomona, the newly-chosen president of our largest district, Northeastern, sent a copy of the following letter to each of his societies before the dawn of the new year, 1909. It is so good that we have ventured to copy it for the reading of our friends in and out of Mr. Middleton's field of service:

"Dear Endeavor Friends:

"First of all, I wish to thank you for the honor you have conferred upon me by making me president of your district for the coming year.

"Only a few of our Endeavorers were with us at the District Convention last month, and to those who were not there, I wish I might impart some of the helpfulness an inspiration of that hour. Practical ideas were advanced, plans discussed and hearts consecrated to the work of our fair state.

"Then was I impressed as never before with the great need of Endeavor, more Endeavor and more Christlike Endeavor in Florida; but with equal force came the gratifying assurance that as our need, so shall our strength be.

"The Northeastern District has peculiar advantages for service. It includes our busy metropolis, and Jacksonville is the key to the state. To her gates come multitudes of people from year to year; from her gates they go forth again. Are we helping them? But her need is not greater than that of our smaller towns. We need Christ out here in the pine woods and we need devoted young men and women to be 'about the Master's business.' Are we doing all we can for Him?

"The milestone we have just passed marked many spots that were indeed pleasant, but ahead we see the pathway leading through green pastures and beside still waters, into fields of opportunity if we will only follow Him. Let us try.

"May the peace of Christmas-tide be upon you, and happiness be your portion for the new year.

"Sincerely yours for Christian Endeavor, W. S. MIDDLETON."

We hope from time to time to have such beautiful thoughts as the above message from our state-wide leaders. There are now seven good district presidents at the helm in their parts of the State Union. Six of them are our personal friends and we therefore know their worth by actual experience. The district secretaries are no less faithful.

GRACE A. TOWNSEND.  
Interlachen, Fla., January, 1909.

## Located in the Center of the Peninsula

Under the above heading The Munroe & Chambliss Bank prints the following strong letter as an advertisement in the Chicago Breeder's Gazette:

Owing to the large area of hammocks covered with hardwood timber, Marion county includes more available land for agricultural purposes than any other county in the state.

Owing to the peculiar geological formation, which disposes of the surplus waters through drainage into underground streams, there is little waste and swamps. It is high, dry, rich in soil. The county has 100 miles of hard-surfaced roads. Country, climate, transportation facilities and people make it ideal as a residence section.

The climate and rainfall at Ocala, the county seat, average during the past twenty years as follows:

	Temperature.	Rainfall.
January...	57 deg.	2.75 in.
February...	65 deg.	3.28 in.
March...	65 deg.	3.94 in.
April...	69 deg.	1.94 in.
May...	75 deg.	3.46 in.
June...	80 deg.	7.83 in.
July...	81 deg.	7.79 in.
August...	81 deg.	7.68 in.
September...	79 deg.	7.33 in.
October...	72 deg.	2.78 in.
November...	64 deg.	1.61 in.
December...	59 deg.	2.45 in.

Average temperature for year, 70 deg.

Total average rainfall for year, 51.36 in.

"Joe" Wing would be happy here, as time is everywhere—150,000 barrels are produced yearly in this county. Also 100,000 tons of 77 per cent. phosphate.

At the recent county fair held in Ocala, there were on exhibit 252 farm animals, exclusive of saddle, driving and track horses. "The best collective exhibit from one farm" showed 74 different entries, ranging from Shorthorn cattle to branded peaches. Other Marion County Productions, 1908

**AGRICULTURAL**—Including corn, oats, peanuts, velvet beans, rice, cotton, hay, cane produce, etc., \$2,439,000.

**HORTICULTURAL**—Vegetables, oranges, grapefruit, lemons, melons, cantaloupes, sweet potatoes, cassava, \$1,038,000.

**LIVE STOCK** and poultry and eggs, \$1,945,528.

**INDUSTRIAL**—Spirits, of turpentine, rosin, baskets, crates, carriers, spokes, rims, foundry and cigars, \$2,013,500.

**MINERALS AND WOOD**—Including phosphates, lime, lumber, cross-ties and cordwood, \$3,022,500.

Grand total, \$10,4569,000.

**OCALA**—The county seat, known as the "Brick City," is a growing, modern business town of 6000 population, with vitrified brick streets and handsome new stone court house, surrounded by tropical palmettoes. The United States postoffice and court house is nearing completion at a cost of \$120,000. Ocala needs a sand-lime brick factory, a small meat packing plant, and a small elevator to handle corn from the wagon, and the county will assist responsible parties in the establishment of these industries.

**ATTRACTIONS**—Those not especially interested in farming or manufacturing enterprises will enjoy the wonderful Silver Springs, mirror-like and big enough to float and ironclad, four miles by macadam road or railroad—one of the most notable attractions of Florida. Also Beautiful Lake Weir, with its 4 by 8 miles of blue water, with snow-white sand beach, high bluffs, pine forest, orange groves, hunting, fishing and boating; fringed with villages, including Stanton and Woodmar, where the winter cottage of W. R. Goodwin, of the Breeder's Gazette is located. Lakeside Hotel, Weirsdale, charmingly located on the south bluff of Lake Weir, affords accommodations to tourists and winter residents.

The Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard railroads furnish transportation facilities for the county.

The Munroe & Chambliss Bank is regularly chartered; 12 years old; its executive officers are acquainted with the advantages and disadvantages of this section, are intensely interested in populating the rich lands in its territory, and will furnish reliable information or substantial assistance to prospective permanent or winter residents.

Write us for the history of a Michigan man, who came here a sawmill hand, who is raising a large family and has a rich plantation for each child and lots of other property for himself.

The Munroe & Chambliss Bank,  
(Incorporated) Ocala, Fla.

\$12,000.00 WORTH OF SEASONABLE MERCHANDISE, SLIGHTLY DAMAGED BY SMOKE AND WATER, TO BE DISTRIBUTED AMONGST THE HUNDREDS OF HUNGRY BARGAIN-SEEKERS OF OCALA. GREAT FIRE SALE STARTS SATURDAY, THE 16TH, AT THE RAILROAD WRECK STORE.

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